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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ETRD, MTN
SUBJECT: MTN: S&D IN THE TARIFF PLAN; DISCUSSIONS
WITH MEXICAN MTN DEL

1. MEXICAN MTN DEL (DELGADO) CALLED ON US MTN DEL
(GRAEF, MARSH, KNEPPER) TO DISCUSS STATUS OF LDC
CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT (S&D)
FOR LDCE IN THE TARIFF PLAN. DELGADO ALLOWED MTN DEL TO
READ BUT NOT RETAIN PAPER HE HAD PREPARED WHICH LISTED
17 DIFFERENT S&D MEASURES FOR INCLUSION IN THE TARIFF
PLAN. THE PAPER INCLUDED NUMEROUS MEASURES FOR IMPROVE-
MENT OF GSO (E.G. POSITIVE RATE REDUCTIONS, EXPANDED
COVERAGE, AND QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN IMPLEMENTING
RULES), AS WELL AS MEASURES DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN OR
COMPENSATE FOR EROSION OF GSP MARGINS. DELGADO SAID LIST
OF MEASURES HAD GORWN OUT OF INTRA-LDC DISCUSSIONS AND
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THAT HE WAS CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS WITH ADDITIONAL LDC
DELEGATIONS AND EXPECTED ADDITIONAL MEASURES MIGHT BE
LISTED. DELGADO ALSO PLANNED TO SPEAK WITH EC, CANADA,
AND POSSIBLY JAPAN, BUT WE BELIEVE WE DISUADED HIM FROM
SHOWING OTHER DCS COPY OF PRESENT DRAFT. DELGADO NOTED
THAT ALTHOUGH HE KNEW THE US WAS OPPOSED TO SOME MEASURES
LISTED, OTHER DCS WERE NOT, AND HE WOULD LEAVE IT TO THE

US TO PRESS FOR DELETION OF THE MEASURES WHICH IT OPPOSED
WHEN THE SUBJECT WAS EVENTUALLY DISCUSSED IN TARIFF GROUP
MEETINGS.

2. US MTN DEL REPEATED THAT US WAS WILLING TO WORK IN A
COOPERATIVE SPIRIT WITH OTHER MTN PARTICIPANTS TO SEE IF
ACCORD COULD BE REACHED ON ACCEPTABLE S&D MEASURES. HOW-
EVER, LISTING OF NONLIBERALIZING MEASURES COULD NOT BE
ACCEPTED BY US UNLESS THEY WERE COVERED BY A CHAPEAU WHICH
CITED THEM AS LDC REQUESTS ON WHICH THERE WAS NO CONSENSUS.
US MTN DEL ALSO NOTED THAT IT DID NOT BELIEVE TARIFFS
GROUP WAS APPROPRIATE PLACE TO SEEK GSP IMPROVEMENTS, WHICH
COULD BE BETTER HANDLED IN OTHER APPROPRIATE FORA.

3. COMMENT: DELGADO'S LIST WAS CLEARLY MEANT AS AN
INITIAL NEGOTIATING DOCUMENT AND WAS EVEN ARRANGED IN RANK
ORDER OF PRIORITY, I.E., LIBERALIZING MEASURES FIRST AND
THOSE OF LESSER ACCEPTABILITY TO DCS LAST, E.G., THE
BINDING OF PREFERENCE MARGINS OR RATES WAS AT THE BOTTOM
OF THE LIST. DELGADO HAS MADE IT KNOWN THAT THIS MAKES
THE LIST EASILY SEPARABLE INTO THREE TIERS LATER IN
NEGOTIATIONS. ROLE THAT DELGADO IS PLAYING AMONG LDCS IS
NOT CLEAR AND IT MAY BE THAT HE HAS ASSUMED INITIATIVE
FOR DRAFTING. END COMMENT

4. DRAFTED BY KNEPPER AND MARSH. MCDONALD
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